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HUH?

KACHAK

OWW...

JUST BEFORE KYON WOKE NAGATO FROM WHERE SHE WAS SLEEPING ON THE BENCH...

ARE YOU... ME?

YES.

.....? OH...A DREAM.

...YES.

YES. BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT, YOU HAVE BEEN ASLEEP FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS...

...AND I HAVE BEEN LIVING AS YUKI NAGATO.

OH, RIGHT... THE ACCIDENT.

NOTHING SO ABSTRACT AS THAT. THIS TOO IS SIMPLY A DREAM. IT IS MERELY YOUR BRAIN PROCESSING MEMORIES.

THIS CONVERSATION WILL PROBABLY BE FORGOTTEN WHEN YOU WAKE.

WOW... SO THIS IS SOME KIND OF PARA-NORMAL PHENOM-ENON?

OH!

STAAARE

OH, I SEE...

AH...

...TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS SLEEPING?

COULD YOU...

FLUSH

WHAAAA!?

HARRUMPH!

I REFUSE.

HMPH.

THAT'S SOMETHING YOUR BRAIN IS DOING ON ITS OWN. AS FOR ME...

WHY? YOU JUST SAID I WAS PROCESSING MEMORIES!

.....

.....

BLUSH

WAAH...

...I SIMPLY DO NOT WISH TO.

BUT THERE IS ONE THING...

I...TOLD HIM.

SHFF

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HUH? HUHHH!?

GAPE

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HUH?

WOW... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS "ME" COULD DO SOMETHING SO AMAZ-ING...

I-I ONLY MEAN THAT I TOLD HIM MY PERSONAL FEELINGS...

NEXT...

FLUMP

BUT IT IS REALLY AMAZING.

OF COURSE. I UNDER-STAND.

YEAH.

...IT'S YOUR TURN.

YES... I CAN'T HELP IT.

YOU CAN'T HELP THAT IT'S HIM.

WE BOTH LOVE THE SAME PERSON.

WHAT?

HEE HEE HEE.

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SLIDE

WELL, SHALL WE START BRINGING IN THE LAUNDRY?

Buzzz

Buzzz

SHORTLY AFTER NAGATO RETURNED.

THANKS!

'KAY...

NAGATO-SAN, WOULD YOU GIVE ME A HAND AND BRING THE BASKET?

I LIKE BOOKS TOO. I JUST LIKE GAMES MORE.

YOU'VE SURE JUMPED RIGHT BACK INTO YOUR VIDEO GAMES!

AH-HA-HA, JUST KIDDING.

HOW RUDE!

YOU SURE IT'S NOT JUST COMIC BOOKS?

WAS IT BETTER WHEN I WAS A BOOK-WORM?

I'M KID-DING.

I... I SEE...

TEARY

TEARY

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IT WAS NICER WHEN YOU JUST READ BOOKS.

MAYBE SO. ASAKURA-SAN HERE ISN'T MUCH OF A GAMER.

DONG GG

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I'M SORRY.

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR ASKING ME SUCH AN UNFAIR QUESTION.

WHEN I CAME BACK THAT DAY, ASAKURA-SAN, YOU...

YOU HAD A REALLY...

...COMPLICATED EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE...

WELCOME BACK, NAGATO-SAN.

BUT I REACHED A CONCLUSION FAIRLY QUICKLY.

OF COURSE I DID. I DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER TO BE HAPPY OR SAD!

THERE'S NO WAY TO COMPARE FRIENDS WHO ARE MAXED OUT ON THE FRIENDSHIP SCALE.

I REALIZED BOTH VERSIONS OF MY PRECIOUS FRIEND NAGATO ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO ME.

DON'T THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH. JUST BE YOURSELF.

AND I'LL GO ON SPEAKING MY MIND, JUST LIKE ALWAYS.

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LIFT

O-OKAY!

OKAY?

WHA...? AH...

BY THE WAY, SPEAKING MY MIND MIGHT MEAN SOME SCOLDING!

SWIM-SUITS?

OH, WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET NEW SWIM-SUITS.

ANYWAY, IT SURE IS HOT! IT'S DEFINITELY SUMMER NOW.

NOBODY FAILED ANY CLASSES, RIGHT?

SUMMER IS ALL ABOUT HAVING FUN!

HEYA!

OKAY, EVERYBODY! STAND UP, STAND UP!

THE NOISY ONE'S BACK.

FIRST OF ALL, THERE'S TANA-BATA!

JULY 7: TANABATA

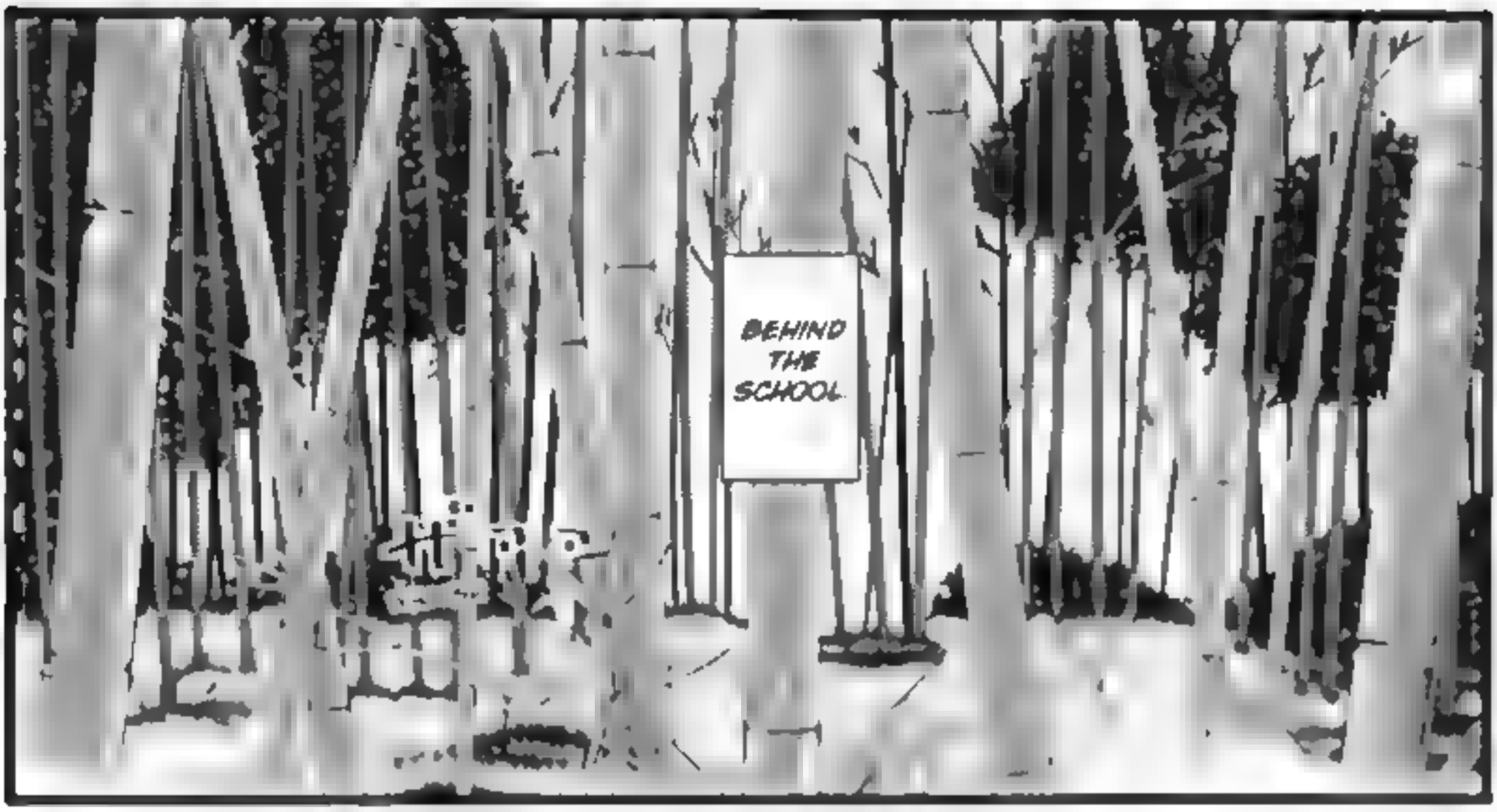
WHOOOOA...

...

I FEEL LIKE
I'VE BEEN
GONE FOR A
WHOLE
VOLUME!!

GO WHERE!?

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!!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IT'S JUST INSURANCE. I WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT IF I WERE A NORTH HIGH STUDENT!
...YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT THAT.
DON'T WORRY. I ALREADY ASKED AND GOT PERMISSION!
HEY...I'M PRETTY SURE THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY.

LET'S.
LET'S GO, KOIZUMI.
FWSH
YEAH, YEAH.
WELL, I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

Tanabata

OH MY.

SHUFF

HM--

WHY, I OUGHTA ...

HEH! I STEERED CLEAR, SO I'M FINE!

I HAVE SOME ANTI-ITCH OINTMENT YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO USE.

IT ITCHES! I EVEN GOT BIT ON MY BACK!

TING

OH, IF YOUR BACK ITCHES TOO, THEN...

I THOUGHT YOU WERE HANDING DOWN INSTRUCTIONS FROM A LITTLE TOO FAR AWAY.

HEH HEH!

OH, THANK—

I CAN PUT IT ON FOR YOU...

UHH ...

"I LOVE YOU."

?

NAG

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THANKS, BUT I CAN REACH THE SPOT MYSELF, SO IT'S OKAY. SEE?

OH, OKAY.

AH HA HA!

OH, RIGHT. AND THESE NEXT.

HERE YOU GO— WISH CARDS.

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PACKAGE: TANABATA CARDS

CONDI-TIONS?

BUT FIRST! A CONDITION REGARDING WISHES!

BOOM

I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD WISH FOR.

WHAT, I WAS RIGHT!?

GRAWR

RAARGH!

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL US THAT BECAUSE ORIHIME AND HIKOBOSHI ARE THE STARS VEGA AND ALTAIR, WE HAVE TO MAKE WISHES THAT WOULD BE GRANTED DECADES FROM NOW OR SOMETHING.

QUESTION! WHO IS IT THAT GRANTS WISHES AT TANA-BATA?

BUT THAT'S THE TIME FOR A ONE-WAY TRIP...

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AND SIXTEEN YEARS? I GUESS I HAVE TO WRITE TWO, THEN...

OH DEAR, I'M SORRY. ALL RIGHT, LET'S WRITE WISHES WITH THAT CONDITION. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AND SIXTEEN YEARS FROM NOW, RIGHT?

WHAT'D YOU WRITE?

OKAY, WHEN YOU'RE ALL DONE, HANG 'EM HERE.

TOO PAINFUL!

HMM? OH, I...

I CAN TELL YOU'RE THINKING SOMETHING RUDE. WELL? WHAT DID YOU WRITE?

I GET TO PLAY WITH A CRYPTID.

IF THERE ARE ANY ALIENS, TIME TRAVELERS, OR ESPERS, LET THEM COME FIND ME.

PLEASE, CALL IT "CAUSAL MANIPULATION."

GREED PLUS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN MENTAL ABILITY— YOU'LL BE A SHAMEFUL SECOND-YEAR STUDENT, THAT'S FOR SURE.

MY GRADES SUDDENLY IMPROVE IN MY SECOND YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL

I WIN THE LOTTERY IN MY SECOND YEAR OF HIG SCHOO

WHERE SHOULD I HANG THEM...?

WORLD PEACE. HOUSE-WIFE SAFETY

WHAT WONDERFUL WISHES

YOURS TOO I SEE YOU UNDER-STAND

I'LL HANG THEM FOR YOU.

OH. THANKS

OH, NAGATO.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HANG YOURS SO LOW.

POP

EVERY-BODY GETS ALONG.

NOTHING CHANGES.

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TOUCH

AH...!

WAAH!

Y-YEAH, I GOT IT!

GRAB

UM, P-PLEASE, WOULD YOU—?

STARE
......
STAAARE
HMM...

SOMETHING HAPPENED, DIDN'T IT?

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GLANCE

NO...

!?

DID THE OTHER VERSION OF HER CONFESS TO YOU OR SOMETHING?

YOU'RE TREATING YUKI DIFFER-ENTLY.

HUH?

WHAT, I WAS RIGHT?

GLARE

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

RGH...

HUH, SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.

I ONLY HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH YUKI FROM RYOUKO. BUT SEEING THE WAY YOU WERE ACTING, I THOUGHT I'D SAY SOME-THING...

WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE OTHER NAGATO.

...THAT NAGATO AND THIS NAGATO ARE DIF-FERENT.

KLIK

LOOK...

WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO OUT WITH HER AND SEE HOW IT GOES?

SO NOW YOU'RE AWARE OF IT, HUH?

IT'S SUCH A STRANGE SITUATION. SHE WAS ACTING SO WEIRD, BUT SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER AT ALL.

...IT WOULD BE NICE IF I COULD CLEARLY DISTIN-GUISH THEM.

BUT...

DOESN'T REMEMBER... 'HMM?

HEY, WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

ACTUALLY, THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN HELP ME OUT.

NO COMPLAINING! THE INSTANT YOU DON'T STOP ME, YOU BECAME AN ACCOMPLICE!!

SO?

WE WRITE A MESSAGE TO SPACE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT'S OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT

HFFF!

HFFF!

...ARE YOU SATISFIED YET?

...

MAN, I'M BEAT.

Sil...

I'M

...DO YOU THINK ALIENS EXIST?

SURE.

WHY NOT?

HMPH.

BACK THEN...

SHE DOESN'T REALLY NEED TO REMEMBER, DOES SHE?

...AS I MATURED AND DEVELOPED MORE AND MORE COMMON SENSE..!

IT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU, ISN'T IT?

AS FOR ME...

BUT, THAT NIGHT...

...YOU HELPED ME, EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T WANT TO...

...I DESPAIRED OVER LOSING THAT FAITH IN THE EXTRAORDINARY

IF YOU'RE THAT BOTHERED BY IT, I'M NOT GONNA TELL YOU TO QUIT WORRYING.

AND I THINK YOU SAVED ME.

ALTHOUGH IT IS A BIT FUNNY TO WATCH YOU AGONIZE OVER ROMANTIC ENTANGLEMENTS SO MUCH.

...YOU LAUGHED AND WENT ALONG WITH MY SILLY JOKE.

...I DON'T THINK IT'S STRANGE AT ALL.

OF COURSE. ENJOY EVERYTHING— THAT'S MY MOTTO.

GEEZ, SO THAT'S WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO, HUH?

...AH. GUESS YOU HAVE A POINT THERE.

PLUS, I CAN'T LET ANYTHING RUIN THE SUMMER VACATION MOOD.

A FAVOR?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. THINK OF IT AS MY REPAYING A FAVOR.

SORRY, HARUHI. I DIDN'T MEAN TO SUDDENLY PUT YOU IN AN AWKWARD POSITION HERE.

SUZUMIYA-SAN! KYON-KUN!

TSURUYA-SAN AND ASAHINA-SAN CAME BY! THEY BROUGHT DUMPLINGS, SO COME AND EAT!

DON'T TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL!

THEY'RE SO TASTY!

...THAT'S STUPID.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

WHY DON'T WE TRY EATING LUNCH TOGETHER SOMETIME? THIS, DON'T YOU THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF WE DIDN'T KNOW ONE ANOTHER'S REAL IDENTITIES?

JOHN SMITH. I'M A FIRST-YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS

MURMUR
ざわ
MURMUR
MURMUR
ざわざわ

SEE YA!

ピーコーン
DING-DONG
ピーンポーン
DING-DONG

LATE JULY.

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HEH-HEH-HEH...

AND...

CLENCH
「!」...

IT'S SUMMER VACA-TION!!!

TA-DAA

Episode 36...

Summer Vacation: Ocean

...THE OCEAN !!!

TSURUYA-SENPAI!

ASA-HINA-SEN-PAI!

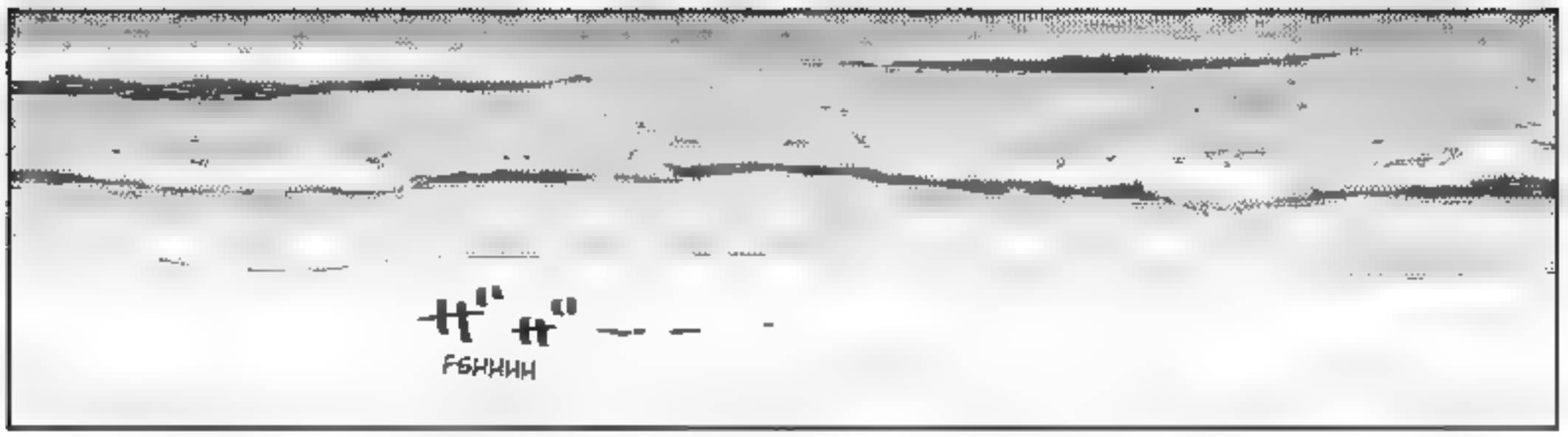
AH!

OH, THEY'RE HERE!

NOT A PROBLEM! HOUSES GET SAD WHEN THEY DON'T GET USED, AFTER ALL!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING US STAY AT YOUR FAMILY'S SUMMER HOME.

LET'S SKIP THE PLEAS-ANTRIES, DROP OFF OUR STUFF, AND GO SWIM-MING!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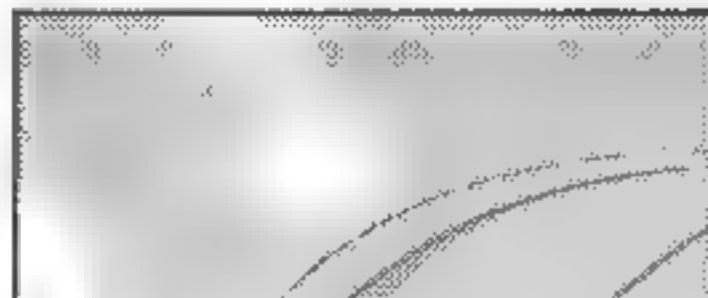
IT'S VERY PRETTY. AND THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYBODY AROUND. I WONDER IF THIS IS A PRIVATE BEACH.
WOW... THE WATER'S CRYSTAL CLEAR.



OF COURSE THEY DID. HARUHI'S THE ONLY PERSON WHO'D ENJOY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
EVIDENTLY HE STAGED A MURDER AS PART OF SOME "MYSTERY SOLVING" EVENT LAST YEAR, AND THE POLICE WOUND UP GETTING INVOLVED.

THAT'S JUST CRAZY. I THOUGHT PRIVATE ISLANDS ONLY EXISTED IN MYSTERY NOVELS.
CERTAINLY NOT. I HAVE A RELATIVE WHO OWNS AN ENTIRE ISLAND, AFTER ALL.
AREN'T PRIVATE BEACHES, LIKE, AN URBAN LEGEND?

OH, THERE YOU ARE.

CLOP ぱた

CLOP ぱた

CLOP ぱた

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

HA-HA, WELL, WHAT'RE YA GONNA DO, HUH?

MMM, THAT'S KIND OF A NONCOM-MITTAL REACTION...

REALLY?

GLANCE

I MEAN, THE MAIN EVENT'S STILL YET TO COME!

WHAT DO YOU THINK? IT'S NEW.

YES, IT SUITS YOU WELL.

LOOKS GREAT ON YOU.

TMD

HEY, KYON-KUN, SHE GOT A NEW SWIMSUIT TOO, Y'KNOW!

N-NO PROBLEM.

BLUSH

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ER, SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT...

OH, UH...

HUH? WHA...?

BLUSH

IT LOOKS GREAT... ON YOU.

ER, SURE...

THANKS.

BADUM

BADUM

IT SUITS YOU NICELY.

WELL, Y'KNOW.

I DON'T SEE ASAHINA-SENPAI. DID MY SISTER DO SOMETHING?

AH...

KYON-KUN!

TING

OO,

HEY, YOU BETTER NOT BE MAKING ANY TROUBLE FOR ASAHINA-SENPAI.

AH

HMM? OH, YOUR SISTER WAS HELPING HER CHANGE, SO THEY SHOULD BE HERE SOON.

HA-HA-HA! 'COURSE NOT!

FLASHHH

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I WANNA GO!

IT'S NOT FAIR FOR JUST KYON-KUN TO GET TO GO TO THE BEACH!

I'M GLAD TSURUYA-SAN MADE HIM BRING ME.

I WANNA GO!

IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT. YOU HAVE SUCH A CUTE LITTLE SISTER.

SORRY, SENPAI. I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE YOU TAKE CARE OF HER.

BONK

DASH

WELL, TO SAY THAT THE ONLY THING TO DO WHEN YOU'RE AT THE BEACH IS SWIM IS NO EXAGGERA-TION!

THE VERY PICTURE OF A PERFECT DAY AT THE BEACH.

MMM.

HMM?

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CLIK
カチ
CLIK
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ALONE
...
STARE
:3°<
FHOOO
WHOA...
DONGGG
EVERYBODY HAS THEIR OWN WAY OF HAVING FUN.

MM...

BYOING

HUH?!

BADABOOING

...KIDDING ME!

YOU GOTTA BE...

RUMBLE

I KNOW, RIGHT!?

SMILE
SMILE
NAGATO-SAN, DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
FLINCH
ビク"
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SSK
YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND PLAY WITH IT TOO IF YOU LIKE.
OH, SURE.
THE BALL WENT ALL THE WAY OVER THERE. COULD YOU GO GET IT?
ER, OKAY!
LOOK, JUST GO PLAY WITH THE BALL.
DOOM
HUH?

UH, YES?

KOO...

TWITCH

NOW, THEN, KYON-KUN.

TUP

TUP

TUP

DON'T GIVE ME "HUH?"

HUH?

FSHHHHH

DON'T JUST STAND THERE. GO PLAY.

STOP MAKING THAT FACE! I DIDN'T SAY I WASN'T GONNA DO!

JUST GO. ☆

WHY ARE YOU MAKING A FACE LIKE YOU JUST DELIVERED SOME PROFOUND WISDOM?

YOU CAN'T PLAY BALL WITH JUST ONE PERSON.

GLEAM

S-
SURE...

SHFF

UM...
OKAY,
HERE
GOES.

TOSS

GOT
IT!

HUP—

GOT IT!

THERE!

NNN—

THERE!

HNN—

OH, SHOOT!

NN...

GOT IT!

I'LL GO GET IT.

SORRY, NAGATO!

GLOOM

NOT HAVING A REAL CONVERSATION HERE IS KILLING ME...

SILENCE

...

YEAH, SORRY.

HUH? WAIT, HOW DID I USUALLY TALK TO NAGATO AGAIN...?

JUST ACT NORMAL... JUST ACT NORMAL... JUST ACT NORMAL...

SWSH

SWSH

IF I KEEP ACTING LIKE THIS, IT'LL LOOK LIKE I DON'T REALLY WANT TO BE HERE...

THIS SITUATION'S SO AWKWARD...

HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!

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GRINNN

OH, NO! I CAN'T HAVE A BIG, DOPEY SMILE ON MY FACE...

...OR HE'LL THINK I'M A WEIRDO!

THIS IS AMAZING...

WE'RE PLAYING ON THE BEACH, JUST THE TWO OF US...

JUST BE NORMAL... NORMAL...

NNNGH...

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DREAMY

ALL RIGHT.

I'LL JUST TELL NAGATO REAL CASUAL ...

*PUNKING OUT.

DUNDUN

I'LL JUST GO BACK WHERE EVERYONE ELSE IS!

LET'S HEAD BACK WHERE EVERYONE ELSE...

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TROT

TWITCH

HEY, NAGATO!

IS...?

F" BOOM

KYON-KUN, I WANNA PLAY TOO!

...IS—

HUH?

THUMP

.....
UH...
NO, I
DIDN'T
MEAN
TO...

I DIDN'T—

STARE

!?

STAAARE

N-N-NO FREAKIN' WAY!

ARE YOU GONNA KISS?

UMM...

?

?

AND ANYWAY, THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT...!

KYON-KUN,
YOU PERV!

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HEY, OVER HERE!

THE MOUN-TAINS!?

THE SECOND NIGHT AT THE TSURUYA FAMILY SUMMER HOME.

AND IT'S SUMMER AND ALL, SO WHY NOT? I KNOW A GREAT PLACE FOR IT!

EVERYBODY'S GETTING TIRED OF THE BEACH, RIGHT?

COURAGE TESTS?

I SEE...

NUH-UH. IT'S A LITTLE WAYS AWAY, SO I WAS THINKING TOMORROW.

WHAT, LIKE RIGHT NOW?

I GOT LOST SOME-WHERE IN THE MIDDLE THERE...

COURAGE TESTS... WITH GHOSTS... SPIRITS... MONSTERS... ZOMBIE WARRIORS... SWORD HUNTS...

SPARKLE

GUESS THAT MEANS YOU'RE UP FOR IT...

YAY, COURAGE TEST! COURAGE TEST!

WELL, YOU HEARD HER. ARE YOU UP FOR IT?

ASAHINA-SENPAI, DO YOU KNOW THE PLACE SHE'S TALKING ABOUT?

A COURAGE TEST...

N-N-N-N-NO, I'M NOT!

HUH? RYOUKO, YOUR FACE IS LOOKING A LITTLE PALE.

HA-HA, YOU'RE TOTALLY SCARED!

MUNCH MUNCH もぐもぐ

DALE

HARUHI, JUST SHUT UP FOR A SECOND!

I KNEW IT! THERE REALLY ARE GOING TO BE SOME ZOMBIE WARRIORS!

WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING TO POP UP DURING THIS TEST ANYWAY?

ASAHINA-SENPAI, CALM DOWN!

ASAHINA-SENPAI'S TREMBLING IN TERROR!?

SORRY, EVERYONE. I'M FINE. THERE WON'T BE ANY GHOSTS.

GEEZ, TSURUYA-SAN!

DIDN'T YOU PASS OUT LAST YEAR, MIKURU?

SHFF

BUT TSURUYA-SAN WILL DEFINITELY SET UP THINGS TO SCARE YOU, SO BE CAREFUL.

WELL, MIKURU MIGHT SAY THAT...

I MEAN, I WAS REALLY SCARED!

YOU LIAR!

IT'S TRUE! I REALLY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

...BUT I REALLY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

さわ…

MURMUR

THEIR STORIES DON'T MATCH UP!!!

I SLICED UP SOME WATER-MELON!

IT'S FINE! IT'S MY GRANDMA'S PLACE, AND SHE'S HAPPY JUST HAVING MORE KIDS AROUND.

BUZZZZZ

BUZZZZZ

IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR US TO JUST HANG OUT HERE? I KNOW IT'S YOUR RELATIVES' HOUSE AND ALL, BUT...

BUZZZRRT

BZWEEET

MMM, WELL, IF YOU SAY SO, TSURUYA-SAN...

I COME EVERY YEAR, SO DON'T SWEAT IT. REALLY.

BUGS? BUT WE DON'T HAVE A NET, DO WE?

KYON-KUN, I WANNA GO CATCH BUGS!

FLASH

BUZZ

BUZZ

BUZZ

AH...

SHE HAD A NET.

SKSH

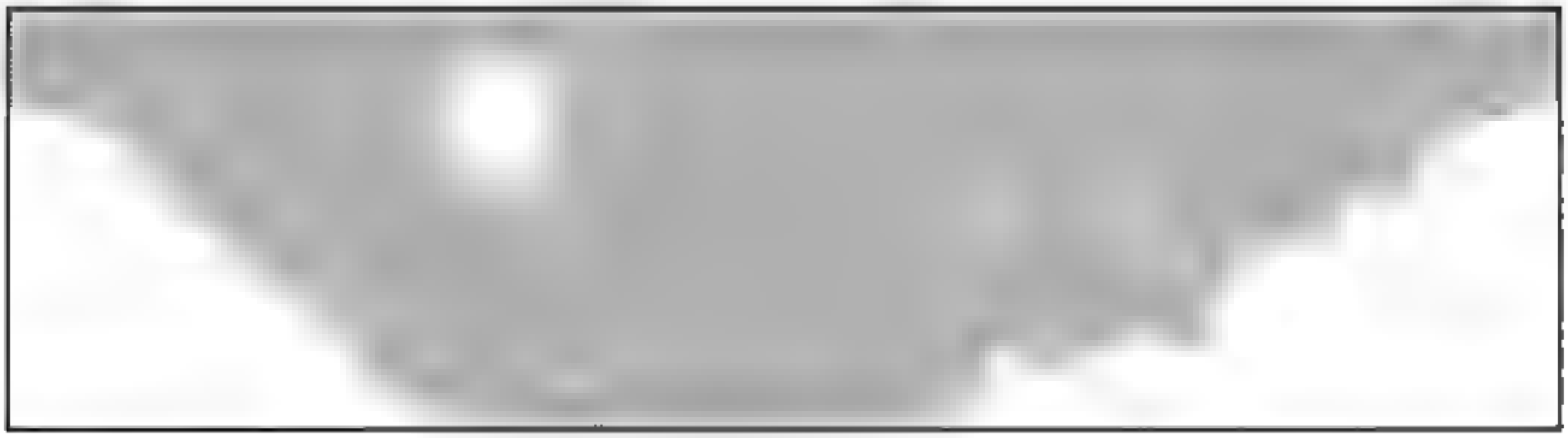
BUT BUG HUNTING IS SUMMERY TOO, SO WHY NOT?

COURAGE TESTS HAPPEN AT NIGHT, SO WE ONLY HAVE A LIMITED WINDOW OF TIME FOR IT.

YOU GOTTA DO SUMMER STUFF IN SUMMER-TIME!

YOU REALLY DO LIKE DOING EVERYTHING, DON'T YOU, HARUHI?

W-SHUU



GOT ONE!

WHOA!
THAT'S HUGE!!!

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TIME TO SPLIT INTO GROUPS!
AND REMEMBER...
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ALL RIGHT!
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
...JUST TO BE SAFE.
SINCE IT'S NIGHT, WE'LL BE SPLITTING UP INTO BOY-GIRL PAIRS...
RUSTLE
ZZZZZ.....
ZZZZZ.....
...YOUR SISTER'S ALL TUCKERED OUT, SO SHE'S ASLEEP AND WON'T BE PARTICIPATING.

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DUNDUN

AND FINALLY, THE LONG-AWAITED COUPLE: YUKI AND KYON-KUN!

COUPLE !?

THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE: ME AND MIKURU ARE A TEAM!

DUNDUN

KOIZUMI-KUN AND HARU-NYAN IN ONE GROUP.

DUNDUN

NOW, GIVEN THAT YOUR LITTLE SISTER'S OUT...

...RYOUKO-TAN'S GONNA STAY BEHIND SO SHE'S NOT HERE ALONE.

GLOW

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AHA, SO SHE'S ACTUALLY SUPER SCARED...

IT'S A REAL SHAME, BUT YOU GUYS MAKE SURE TO HAVE LOTS OF FUN FOR ME, OKAY? ☆

AHHH...

GOAL

ONCE YOU'VE FOLLOWED IT A WHILE, YOU'LL COME TO AN OPEN SPOT. THAT'S THE END, WHERE WE'LL MEET UP AND ALL COME BACK TOGETHER.

SO I'LL EXPLAIN THE ROUTE. BASICALLY YOU JUST FOLLOW THIS PATH STRAIGHT AHEAD.

GO

TING

RIGHT, THEN. HARU-NYAN GOES FIRST.

I WON'T LET ANYBODY ELSE MAKE FIRST CONTACT!

WE'LL GO NEXT. I GUESS IF WE RUN INTO ANYTHING, IT'LL BE EASIER TO DEAL WITH.

I'M GOING FIRST !!!

AS FOR THE ORDER—

BOOM

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO, KOIZUMI-KUN! I WANNA CATCH AT LEAST TWO OR THREE MONSTERS!

UNDER-STOOD.

SO WE'RE GOING THIRD.

RIGHT, GOTCHA.

IF YOU GIVE HER MORE IDLE TIME, I GET THE FEELING SHE'S JUST GONNA GET INVOLVED IN SOMETHING ELSE...

THERE'S NOT THAT MUCH DISTANCE TO COVER, SO IF THEY RUN, THEY'RE JUST GONNA END UP WAITING LONGER AT THE END.

YEAH, PROBABLY! I GUESS WE BETTER GET GOING.

KYON-KUN, JUST HEAD IN AFTER FIVE MINUTES OR SO, OKAY?

WELL, I GUESS WE SHOULD GET GOING.

IT'S GONNA BE JUST LIKE THE BEACH...

OH YEAH, NAGATO... ARE YOU OKAY WITH STUFF LIKE THIS?

OH... REALLY? I WONDER... I MEAN, I'M KINDA SCARED TOO.

SEEMS LIKE I END UP HANGING OUT WITH YOU AT NIGHT QUITE A LOT, SO I GUESS I ASSUMED YOU WERE FINE WITH IT.

BADUM

BUT IF I LOOK LIKE I'M FINE, IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE...

YOU MEAN LIKE GHOSTS OR MONSTERS?

YEAH.

HOW... HOW 'BOUT THAT...

?

...THERE ARE HORROR GAMES WAY SCARIER THAN ANYTHING THAT EXISTS IN REALITY!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE WITH ME... I THINK.

??

EEEEEEK!

SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED.

YEAH. ASAHINA-SENPAI'S VOICE.

THAT WAS...!

LET'S HURRY, NAGATO.

Y-YEAH.

RUSTLE

WHAT HAPPENED !?

A- ASAHINA- SENPAI!

TH-THEY CAME...

HUH?
BUT THESE
ARE...

SO
PRETTY...

FIREFLIES!

THEY'RE
FIRE-
FLIES.

うにゃ DAZED

HA-HA, YUP! IT WAS SO FUNNY I DECIDED TO KEEP QUIET UNTIL SHE FIGURED IT OUT.

JUST LIKE LAST YEAR...

YUP! SHE SAW THE FIREFLIES' LIGHT AND THOUGHT THEY WERE GHOSTS OR SOMETHING.

WAIT... SO WHEN SENPAI SAID SHE SAW SOMETHING, IT WAS...

OH, NOTHING.

I'M JUST GONNA KEEP QUIET UNTIL YOU FIGURE IT OUT.

?

WOW! ♡

SHEESH... YOU SURE LOVE GIVIN' PEOPLE A HARD TIME...

GRIN GRIN

NOTHING SHOWED UP...

WHY'RE YOU GRINNING LIKE THAT?

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THANKS! IT IS SUMMER, AFTER ALL!

IN-DEED.

THE THREE OF YOU LOOK SPLENDID.

SIGN: CANDY APPLES

YUP! I WAS SHOCKED— SHE HAD A WAY BETTER SELECTION THAN SOME LAME STORE!

OH, RIGHT... TSURUYA-SENPAI MENTIONED SHE WAS GONNA LET YOU BORROW YUKATAS.

SO WHERE IS TSURUYA-SENPAI, ANYWAY?

IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO JUST MAKE SURE I RETURN IT CLEAN...

OF COURSE WE CAN'T! YOU CAN'T JUST BUY THIS KIND OF FABRIC AT A DEPARTMENT STORE!

TSURUYA-SENPAI SAID WE COULD KEEP 'EM, BUT RYOUKO SAID NO WAY.

...AND WE COULDN'T GET MIKURU-CHAN TO BUDGE, SO TSURUYA-SENPAI STAYED WITH HER.

ON THE WAY OVER, WE RAN INTO A SALESMAN DOING DEMONSTRATIONS...

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SPARKLE

WELL, ACTUALLY...

JUST GO ON AHEAD.

YOU DON'T SEE TSURUYA-SENPAI MAKE THAT FACE VERY OFTEN!

THIS BLENDER CAN EVEN SHRED YOUR CELL PHONE!

I GUESS SHE'S REALLY INTO MAIL-ORDER SHOPPING AND STUFF.

PRETTY MUCH.

I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT DOES THAT MEAN WE CAN START LOOKING AROUND THE BOOTHS?

AHHH, YOU'RE GOING TO WRINKLE IT!

WHOEVER CATCHES THE MOST WINS!

IT'S TIME FOR SOME GOLDFISH CATCHING!

JUST KEEP STILL FOR A MINUTE, OKAY?

IT WOULD'VE BEEN A PAIN TO DO IT THEN!

BANNER: OKONOMIYAKI

OH, HEY RYOUKO, I WANNA PUT MY HAIR UP AFTER ALL. WILL YOU DO IT FOR ME?

HUH? WHEN WE WERE GETTING DRESSED YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T GOING TO.

UM, NO, I WAS JUST...

AH—!

GASP!

NAGATO, I'M SORR—

IT'S OKAY.

I'M SORRY I DIDN'T NOTICE RIGHT AWAY.

EH HEH HEH.

I'M SORRY TOO.

I MADE HER MAKE SUCH A TERRIBLE FACE...

HAAH...

...IT'S BECAUSE I'M THINKING OF HOW YOU CONFESSED TO ME!"

BUT AS THINGS ARE NOW, I CAN'T REALLY TELL THIS NAGATO...

THANKS!

SO NOW IT'S...WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO... HUH...

I GUESS THAT WILL HAVE TO DO.

OH... SURE...

HUH?

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!

C'MON, C'MON...

WAAH!

YUKI, STOP SPACING OUT! LET'S GO!

SPLISH

DAP
PAP
PAP

URRGH...

BANNER: GOLDFISH CATCHING

MUST BE HARD FOR YOU TOO, KYON-KUN.

NORMALLY I'D ASK, "WHAT'S HARD?"

BUT I KNOW BETTER THAN TO PLAY DUMB WITH YOU, ASAKURA.

INDEED.

HOW WOULD I KNOW?

I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD DO.

SORRY... I GUESS I LOOK LIKE A PRETTY INDECISIVE GUY.

YEAH, KINDA.

...YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

IT'S A TOUGH SITUATION.

EVEN KNOWING THEY'RE DIFFERENT PEOPLE, IT'S NOT A SIMPLE MATTER TO DIFFERENTIATE THEM.

I REALLY DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS.

SUZUMIYA-SAN AND I WILL BACK YOU UP AS MUCH AS WE CAN.

SO I WON'T PRESSURE YOU TO HURRY UP AND RESOLVE YOUR FEELINGS. I CAN'T.

AND I'M SURE...

...SHE CAN FEEL A DISTANCE OPENING UP BETWEEN HER AND HER FRIENDS.

EVEN IF SHE DOESN'T SHOW IT ON HER FACE, THAT MUST BE THE HARDEST THING OF ALL.

...WITHOUT KNOWING WHY EXACTLY...

SORRY.

AH...

HUH?

THAT'S...

BUT THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS

I WAS ONLY THINKING ABOUT MYSELF.
I TOLD MYSELF THAT IT WAS ONLY MY PROBLEM AND THAT I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY OVER WHAT TO DO NEXT.

NAGATO, COME WITH ME FOR A SECOND.

HUH?

EH? HUH?

HUH? WHA...?

?

WH-
WHAT?

HEY,
RYOUKO?

HUH?

...OH
OKAY
LET'S DO
THAT.

I WANNA
TRY THE
SHOOTING
GALLERY
NEXT.

WAAAH...

WAH...

LOOK, NAGATO, I—

HUH? WHAT?

TO BE HONEST, WHEN YOU CONFESSED TO ME, I JUST DIDN'T GET IT.

BECAUSE I COULDN'T REMEMBER DOING ANYTHING THAT WOULD HAVE MADE YOU SEE ME IN THAT WAY.

RIGHT? I MEAN, WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT ME?

HUH? I CAN'T UNDER-STAND—

RIGHT? I MEAN, HOW COULD YOU!? THERE'S NO REASON TO!!!

SO I'M JUST GONNA CUT TO THE CHASE.

...I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU.

NAGATO..

SO THIS IS THE ONLY ANSWER I

I COULD NEVER HATE YOU, NAGATO.

NOT A WORD.

DID YOU HEAR ANY OF THAT?

MAN, THAT WAS NERVE-RACKING!

GOOD. THAT'S GOOD.

HOW DO I PUT IT...?

ER, I'M SORRY. I SEE WHY YOU'RE CONFUSED.

????

I KNOW I SORTA FORCED IT, BUT NOW THAT I'VE SAID WHAT WAS ON MY MIND, I FEEL A LOT BETTER.

I'M SORRY IF I'VE SEEMED DISTANT.

FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL.

LET'S GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT, NAGATO.

MAN, I'M HUNGRY.

HERE, TAKE MY HAND.

YEAH. I'M HUNGRY TOO.

HA-HA... OKAY, HOW ABOUT OKONO-MIYAKI, THEN?

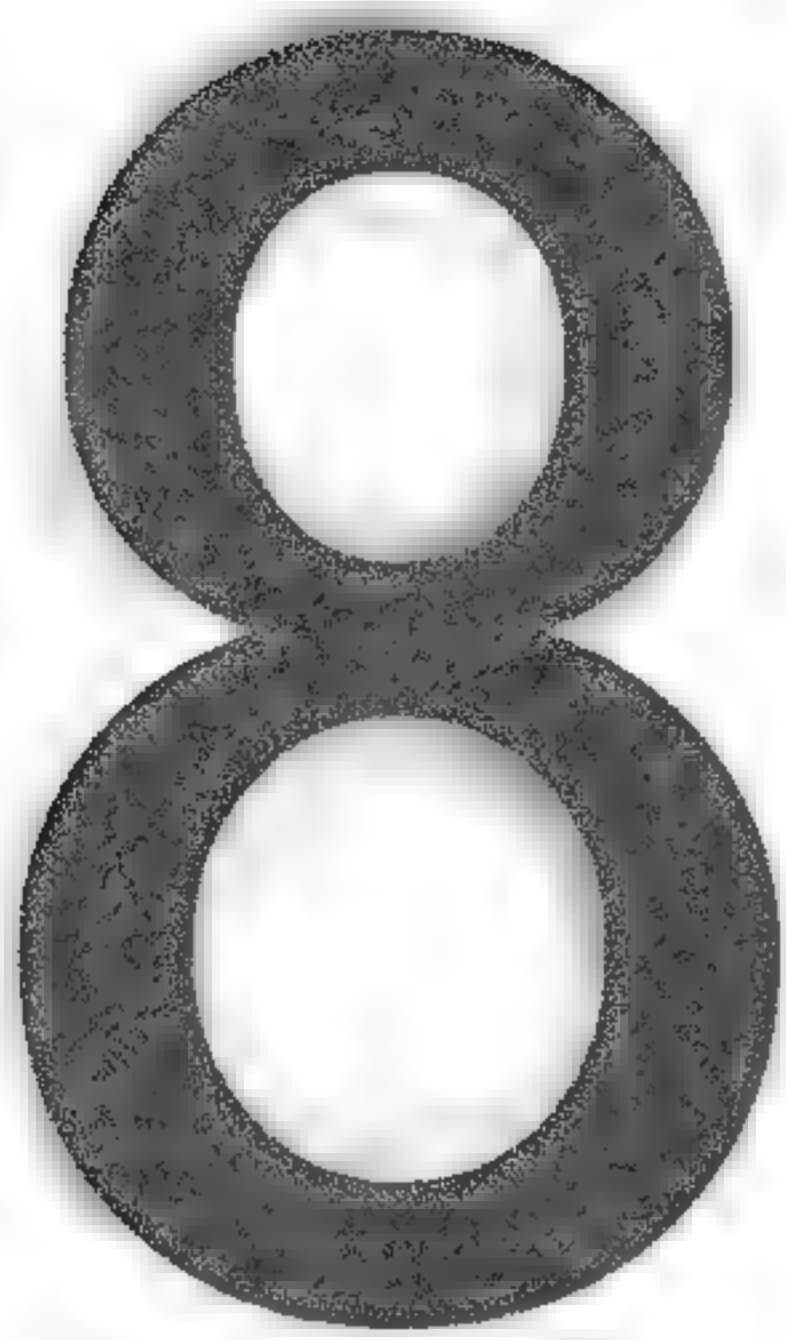
DON'T SWEAT IT. HARUHI WILL WIND UP MAKING ME TREAT EVERYONE ANYWAY.

OH GOSH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO!

ANYTHING SPECIAL YOU WANT? MY TREAT.

FWAAH? AHH, THANKS!

OH, GOTCHA. AND THAT YUKATA LOOKS GREAT ON YOU.



AH.

Bonus Material>> Senpai

I SEE HER ALL THE TIME IN COUNCIL MEETINGS, SO...

...IT'S NO BIG DEAL FOR ME, REALLY.

HAAH...

...IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT?

SINCE THE THREE OF US HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK?

MAN...

SLRRRP

GOOD-NESS, HOW COLD.

BAM

...YOU'RE OUR ENEMY!

WELL, OF COURSE IT IS! I MEAN...

ARGH, HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOT-TEN!?

IS THAT SO?

PWFF

IS THAT SO?

?

...SO DIS-BANDING THE CLUB WAS NOT DONE OUT OF MALICE, BUT AS A MATTER OF COURSE.

AND IN ANY CASE, YOUR CLUB MEMBER-SHIP HAD DROPPED BELOW THE REQUIRED NUMBER...

HMPH

THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED WHEN THE TRANSFER OF NEW OFFICERS WAS GOING ON.

THAT'S UNFAIR.

...STOOD RIGHT BESIDE THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AS HE TRIED TO DISBAND THE LITERATURE CLUB IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS ELECTION!

THIS GIRL, EMIRI KIMI-DORI...

SHE'S PRACTICALLY OUR NEMESIS!

...YOU CONSIDER IT AN ATTACK?

...OR OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE GHOST CLUB MEMBERS...

MURMUR

I SEE NOW...IN MATTERS WHERE I USE MY INFLUENCE TO HELP YOU MAKE ARRANGE-MENTS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY...

I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO GET ONE UP ON KIMIDORI-SAN.

I-IT WAS JUST A LITTLE JOKE! WE WOULD NEVER CON-SIDER YOU AN ENEMY, KIMIDORI-ONEESAMA!

IS THAT SO? GLAD TO HEAR IT.

HEE-HEE, HE MIGHT LOOK LIKE THAT, BUT HE'S ACTUALLY QUITE THE SLACKER.

...I REALLY DON'T LIKE THAT STUDENT COUNCIL PRESI-DENT. HE'S SO OVERBEARING... ALTHOUGH I GUESS HE'S GOOD AT HIS JOB.

BUT STILL...

HEE!

TEE HEE!

...YOU SHOULD REALLY TRY TO MAKE SURE THE PERSON YOU'RE GOSSIPING ABOUT CANNOT HEAR YOU.

IT'S POOR MANNERS.

WHAP

WHEN IT COMES TO GOSSIP...

WHOOPS...

SURE! GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR WORK!

TRY NOT TO PUSH YOUR-SELF TOO HARD!

KIMIDORI-SAN, THE THIRD MEMBER OF THIS TRIO OF CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, IS BUSY AGAIN TODAY.

I'M SORRY WE COULDN'T TALK MORE.

NEXT TIME, PERHAPS.

UNDER-STOOD.

AH, WELL. WE HAVE WORK TO DO. COME, KIMIDORI-KUN.

SHFF

WONDER IF I'LL EVER BE IN THE REAL STORY.

NEXT VOLUME PREVIEW

AUTUMN HAS COME, AND THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL—ALREADY A BUSY TIME OF YEAR UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES—ARE MADE EVEN BUSIER BY KOUYOUEN ACADEMY'S PARTICIPATION.

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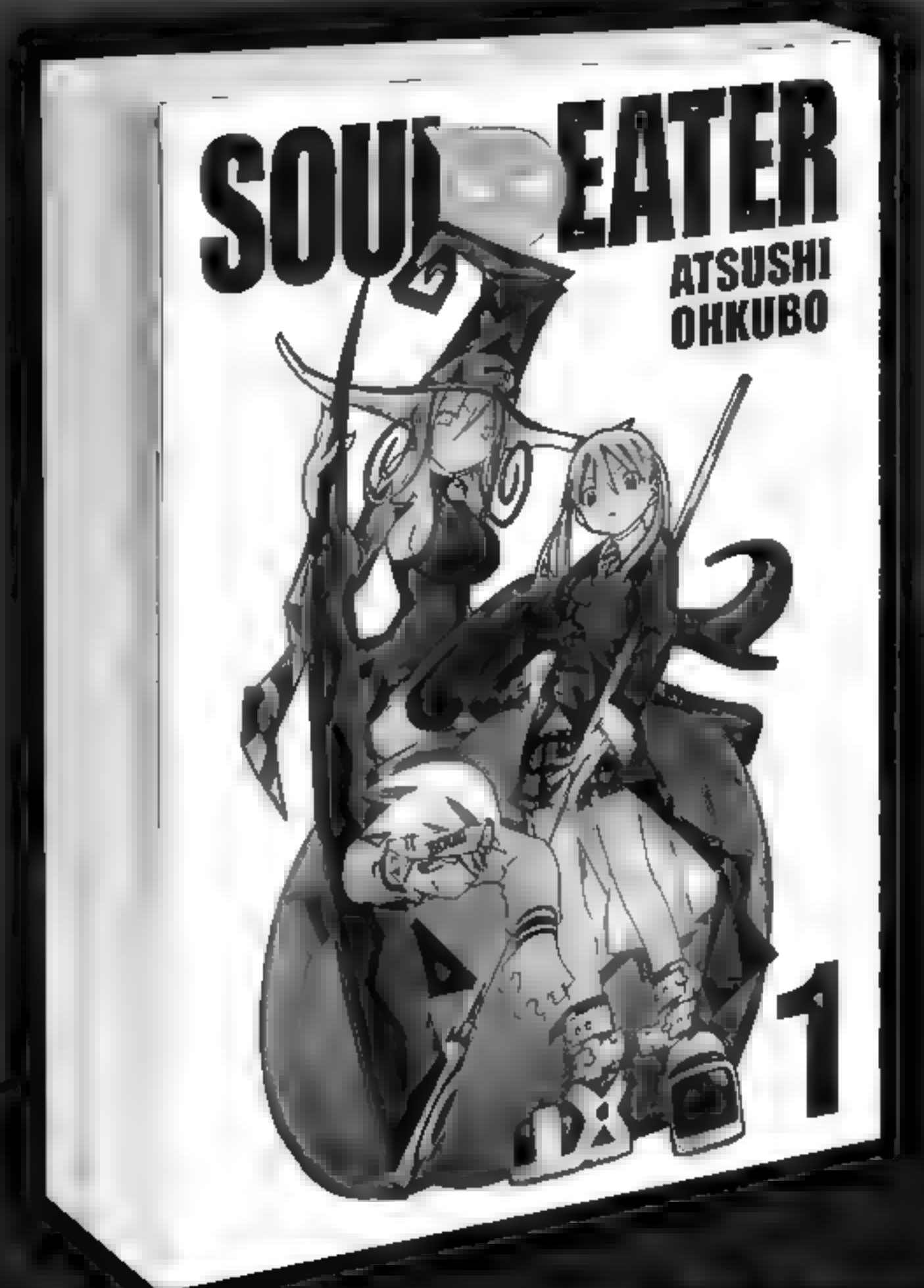

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I HAVE A BAD FEELING THAT'S BEEN LINGERING FOR A WHILE NOW.

CALENDAR: AUGUST

...IS WRONG.

BADUM ドン

BADUM ドン

SOME-THING...

I'VE FORGOTTEN SOME-THING...

BADUM ドン

自家焙煎

愛

HEY, KYON-KUN...

SIGN: HOUSE-ROASTED / DREAM

FLINCH
...SUMMER VACATION'S NEARLY OVER, BUT ARE YOU DONE WITH YOUR HOME-WORK?

WHO'RE YOU CALLING "MOM"!?

THAT'S SO LIKE YOU, RYUOKO! MOMS ARE ALWAYS GREAT AT DOMESTIC BUDGETING.

I WORKED UP A SCHEDULE, SO IT TOOK UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST FOR ME.

DON'T BE SILLY, RYOUKO. EVERYBODY GETS THEIR HOMEWORK DONE IN JULY.

OF COURSE! EVEN I WOULD BE FREAKING OUT IF I HAD HOMEWORK LEFT ON THE THIRTIETH!

IF YOU'RE RELAXING LIKE THIS AT THE END OF VACATION, THAT MEANS YOU'RE ALL DONE WITH HOMEWORK.

I GUESS I'M WORRY-ING TOO MUCH.

I FORGOT.

I'M NOT DONE.

UPON HEARING THAT THE TWO GIRLS' FACES REVEALED THEY WERE INDEED DEEPLY TAKEN ABACK

SHFF

UM...

HOW DO I SAY THIS...? IT'S DIF-FICULT TO PUT INTO WORDS...

...WE'RE GOING TO FINISH OUR HOMEWORK TODAY AND TOMOR-ROW...

IN THE SPIRIT OF LEAVING NO LOOSE ENDS...

OKAY, EVERY-BODY!

KYON'S HOUSE.

YEAH...

YEAH...

...AND GREET THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR WITH A CLEAN SLATE!

...BUT KYON, IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, BE SURE TO ASK! NO COPYING!

NAGATO-SAN AND KOIZUMI-KUN, I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT...

EH HEH...

TING

...AND NEITHER OF YOU ARE DONE EITHER!

IT'S NOT FAIR. THE TWO OF YOU JUST SAT QUIETLY AND WATCHED BACK IN THE CAFE WHILE ASAKURA AND HARUHI YELLED AT ME...

SO I FIGURED I'D JUST DO IT ALL ON THE LAST DAY ANYWAY.

I'M GREAT AT DOING THINGS AT THE LAST MINUTE.

SO WHEN IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE DO OUR HOMEWORK AT YOUR HOUSE, I THOUGHT I'D TAG ALONG.

AFTER WE SPLIT UP, ALL I HAD TO DO WAS GRAB IT AND BRING IT WITH.

SMOOTH

さわー

MY PLAN ALL ALONG WAS TO FINISH IT UP TODAY AND TOMOR-ROW.

HEY, NO TALKING, YOU GUYS!

WHY DON'T WE WORK TOGETH-ER?

THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE.

GLOOM

YEAH, YEAH, I GET IT. I'M THE ONLY HOPELESS ONE...

I'M NOT, GEEZ. HOW RUDE.

HEY, TRY NOT TO MESS UP MY STUFF TOO MUCH, OKAY?

TURN

RUMMAGE

RUMMAGE

OH! HEY, KYON...

OH NO?

SORRY, I'M NOT THAT BORED.

IF YOU'VE GOT NOTH-ING TO DO, HOW ABOUT DOING MY HOME-WORK?

I'M JUST BORED SINCE I HAVE NOTHING TO DO.

...LOOK, DO YOU EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE?

...I WANNA PLAY THIS. HOOK IT UP.

SHFF

ALL RIGHT, THERE YOU GO.

SQUIK きゅっ

SQUIK きゅっ

MMM... GOT AN RPG, A PUZZLE GAME, A FIGHTING GAME...

LET'S DO THE FIGHTER.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO PLAY?

HOW DO I SET UP THE TV?

PUT IT ON VIDEO-3.

THAT'S A TERRIBLE WAY TO PUT IT. A TERRIBLE WAY.

FORGET PRO-LOGUES AND RULES EXPLA-NATIONS, AND JUST SOLVE EVERYTHING WITH VIOLENCE! NICE AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

WHACK

THEN YOU SELECT THAT, THEN PICK YOUR CHARAC-TER...

RIGHT, RIGHT...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU EVEN TRIED THAT. NO WAY RYOUKO WAS GONNA LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT.

THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT. BACK TO YOUR HOMEWORK, KYON-KUN.

SMACK

THEN I'LL BE PLAYER TWO...

HMM? YOU DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND, KYON-KUN.

OBJECTION! NAGATO HASN'T DONE HER HOMEWORK EITHER!

HAAH... NAGATO-SAN IS STARING LIKE SHE WANTS TO PLAY, SO SHE CAN BE YOUR OPPONENT, SUZUMIYA-SAN.

WHAT GAVE YOU THE IDEA THAT I WOULDN'T NOTICE?

HMPH... I THOUGHT IF I ACTED NATURAL, SHE WOULDN'T NOTICE.

WHY IS IT, DO YOU THINK, THAT I HAVEN'T SAID ANY-THING TO NAGATO...

...ABOUT NOT HAVING DONE HER HOMEWORK?

AAAZE

IN ONE NIGHT.

BECAUSE SHE CAN ACTUALLY DO IT.

BOOM

WITHOUT ANY REAL PROBLEM.

...

NO, ASAKURA-SENSEI. I'M SORRY.

SO HOW ABOUT IT, KYON? WILL YOU FOOL AROUND TODAY AND WORK HARD TO-MORROW?

SURELY YOU CAN SEE THE AURA THAT EMA-NATES FROM HER!

CRAP! IT'S SO BRIGHT I CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT IT!

GLEAM

AURA? WHAT?

WHO!?

CAN WE JUST GET STARTED?

SENSEI! ASAKURA-SENSEI!

SENSEI IS VERY HAPPY YOU UNDER-STAND.

WINNER

HOW YA LIKE ME NOW!?

YAAH!

TAKE THAT!

WAAH...

YAY, I DID IT!

WHA ...!?

KO

BABOOM!!

ONE-HIT KILL ATTACK!

WAAH...

KO

YEAH!

THOOM

MAYBE I'M NATURALLY TALENTED AT FIGHTING GAMES?

H-HER MOVEMENTS ARE AMATEURISH BUT SHE BUSTS OUT SPECIAL MOVES AT THE PERFECT INSTANT—I CAN'T ANTICIPATE HER ATTACKS!

FSHHH
FWEE
I'M GLAD YOU'RE HAVING FUN, BUT TRY TO BE A LITTLE QUIETER, YOU TWO.
OKAYYY! WE SHOULD TAKE A BREAK ANYWAY, HUH, YUKI?
SLUMP
YEAH.
I GUESS THE LOSER GETS CONVENIENCE STORE DUTY.
GOSH, NAGATO-SAN, YOU LOST AT VIDEO GAMES THIS TIME? YOU MUST NOT BE VERY LUCKY.
DING
PWSH
POTATO CHIPS FOR ME.
OKAY.

HON-ESTLY...

HUH? UH, SURE...

IF YOU BUY ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE, YOU'LL NEED HELP CARRYING STUFF, RIGHT, NAGATO?

IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE THAT YOU WANT A BREAK.

ASAKURA-SENSEI, PERHAPS THE PERSON ON CONVENIENCE STORE DUTY WILL NEED A GUIDE!

I WANT A BREAK.

YES!

FINE, FINE, TAKE YOUR BREAK.

J-JUST A LITTLE BREAK, AND WE'LL COME RIGHT BACK.

FINE, GO, BUT REMEMBER: THE SLOWER YOU ARE, THE HARDER IT'LL BE FOR YOU LATER.

FLINCH

HO-HO-HO...

ARGH, GO TO THE BEST ONE, AT LEAST.

ALL RIGHT, NAGATO. WE'LL GO TO A PLACE THAT'S A LITTLE FARTHER AWAY. IT'S GOT A LOUSY SELECTION, BUT—

HA-HA-HA-HA.

COME ON...

AH, I SEE...

SO HERE...

YEAH, BUT...

WELL, IT'S BETTER THAT THEY'RE NOT ACTING LIKE THAT ANYMORE, RIGHT?

HONESTLY... AND JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO THEY WERE SO FIDGETY AROUND EACH OTHER...

OH, RIGHT! OVER THE SUMMER SESSION, I HEARD ABOUT THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL...

?

KEEP THIS UP, AND IT'S JUST GONNA WEAR YOU OUT MORE AND MORE EVERY TIME. I'M ALREADY WORN OUT.

...BUT IT'S ALMOST LIKE THEY'RE SO COMPLETELY BACK TO NORMAL THAT THERE'S NO PROGRESS AT ALL.

SLUMP

SO HOW'RE THINGS GOING?

HERE'S WHERE I'AM.

YEAH, BUT ONLY BECAUSE ASAKURA-SENSEI IS SUCH A SPARTAN.

HEH, YEAH.

ARE YOU MAKING PROG-RESS?

MAN, MY SHOULDERS ARE STIFF.

IT'S NOT SO MUCH ABOUT PREFERENCE AS IT IS...

YEAH, I GUESS THAT'S NOT REALLY YOUR STYLE.

STILL, IT'S RARE TO SEE YOU LOSE AT A VIDEO GAME.

MMM, I DON'T REALLY PLAY FIGHTING GAMES.

...I JUST DON'T HAVE...A PARTNER...

ぼそ…

MURMUR

HUH? OH, I SEE...

SO THAT'S WHY YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WANTED TO PLAY BACK THERE.

ASAKURA-SAN DOESN'T PLAY VIDEO GAMES...

TRUDGE

GEEZ.

TIMES LIKE THAT, YOU'VE JUST GOTTA SAY WHAT YOU WANT.

YEAH. I LOST, BUT IT WAS STILL FUN.

WHOA...

MY SISTER MAKES ME PLAY WITH HER, SO I'VE BEEN FORCED TO DEVELOP SOME SKILLS.

AND IF YOU NEED AN OPPONENT, YOU'VE GOT ME.

SURE.

R-REALLY?

.....

BADUM

THAT'S REALLY NICE TO HEAR.

MMM... THIS IS TOUGH.

FIDGET もぞもぞ FIDGET

...BUT SOMETIMES I STILL GET SELF-CONSCIOUS!

IT'S NO GOOD! I FINALLY MANAGE TO GET TO A POINT WHERE I CAN ACT NORMAL AROUND HER...

TOUGH?

CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

?

JUST TALKING TO MYSELF... I MEAN...

FLINCH ビクッ

HMM...

...DO YOU THINK OF THAT NAGATO AS A SEPARATE PERSON?

THAT TIME YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES OF...

...AND I SEE HOW YOU HELP ME NOW...

...SO I'M SURE YOU HELPED HER TOO.

YEAH. I SUPPOSE THAT'S TRUE.

BUT I LOOK AT YOU OR ASAKURA-SAN...

...SO I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY SENSE OF HOW I WAS.

WELL, I'VE ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT FROM OTHER PEOPLE, SO...

...I DON'T THINK OF HER AS A STRANGER.

STILL...

...BUT STILL...

I UNDERSTAND IT IN MY HEAD, BUT...

...I DON'T KNOW THE VERSION OF MYSELF FROM THEN, BUT I THINK I UNDERSTAND HER.

I KNOW THAT, WHICH IS WHY...

I DIDN'T BECOME MYSELF ON MY OWN. ASAKURA-SAN HELPED, AND YOU HELPED.

SO NOW I CAN BE ME.

...AND THAT OTHER ME, SHE...

LIKE HOW SHE JUST COULDN'T HELP BUT RELY ON ASAKURA-SAN...

HA-HA, I WONDER IF THIS IS WHAT TWINS FEEL LIKE...

OH, MAYBE...

HAAH...

OF COURSE SHE'S NOT A STRANGER. YOU LOOK ALIKE AND ALL...

SOME-WHERE ALONG THE LINE, SHE...

...FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU TOO.

MMM. I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF, BUT I HOPE THAT WAS HELPFUL.

I GUESS I WAS JUST OVERTHINKING IT.

THANKS, NAGATO.

...YOU MUST ALSO LOVE...

SURE, SURE. I GET IT NOW.

THOUGH YOU KNOW—

HA-HA, IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN...

HMM, PROBABLY NOT...

LOVE... WATERMELON! YEAH! WONDER IF THERE'LL BE ANY AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE!

LOVE?

...LOVE.....

BADUM BADUM

OH, THEY MIGHT HAVE WATER-MELON POPSICLES, THOUGH!

THAT WAS CLOSE! THERE I GO, SHOOTING MY MOUTH OFF AGAIN...!

SECOND SEMESTER. OCTOBER.

WITH KOUYOUEN ACADEMY?

A JOINT SCHOOL FESTIVAL?

...WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO HAVE MEETINGS WITH THEM, AND IT'S GONNA SUCK.

...EVEN THOUGH IT'S GONNA BE A HUGE PAIN...

YUP, SO...

CAN THAT EVEN HAP-PEN?

ASAKURA-SAN IS SO HAPPY YOU UNDER-STAND!

FINE, FINE, I'LL DO IT.

SLIDE

AHEM. YOUR HOME-WORK?

I'M NOT A MEMBER OF ANYTHING.

UGH, YOU LET ME COPY OFF YOU BECAUSE YOU KNEW THIS WAS GONNA HAPPEN, DIDN'T YOU?

THAT YOU'RE GONNA HELP ME, MR. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER. ☆

SO WHAT'S YOUR POINT?

SASAKI-SAN.

SO ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE KOUYOUEN ACADEMY PLANNING COMMITTEE—

HEYA, KYON. BEEN A LONG TIME.

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